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Chapter 6 - Section 1 & 2.

Mt. Olivet Methodist Episcopal Church - Droop Mt.

Mt. Olivet, a Methodist Episcopal church, is situated on Droop Mountain about a mile from the Pocahontas-Greenbrier line on Route # 219. It is a log church and was built in 1860.

The deed for the land is recorded in D. B. 13 page 385- Jun. 30, 1860. Joseph B. Dean & Hannah Dean to John F. May, James C. Shedegar, William Shisler, James W. Shisler, and George Caraway, Trustees, for the use and benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be kept and used by the ministers and members of the said church, and to be free to all orthodox churches when not occupied by them of the other part. - A parcel of land containing one and one-half acres.

Among the first members were:

Joseph Dean

Sam Spitzer

Wm. Cutlip

James Shisler & wife

Tyler May

Rebecca May

George Caraway

George Shiting

Wm. Shisler

James C. Shedegar

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Clyinton, N.Y.
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When the new road was built, the church was very
badly damaged, so due to the influence of the Rev. Ward who
was the pastor at this time, the church was rebuilt and re-
dedicated. It was dedicated in 1903 and the Rev. Ellis
presided at the dedicatory service. Mr. Andrew Rice made a
speech at the rededication. The crowd was so large that
he had to stand outside on the steps so that everyone could
hear him. There have never been any records kept in this
church that anyone knows about. This, too, was a reason for
the rededication.

The church has a membership of about seventy-five
persons. There are preaching services here the second
Sunday of each month. The Rev. Fenney is the pastor at the
present time.

The names of some of the pastors who have served this
church are:

Rev. J. S. Wickline

" Goo. Daniels

" Holwick

" Walters

f " Ward

Re " Robt. Brucken

C1 " Shirley Cochran

Iv, " Fenney

For There is a Sunday School here with an enrollment of
The about fifty members. Last winter it was kept open all the
time, but this year on account of sickness and bad weather it

closed early by 1920.

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was discontinued the latter part of December for three months. The Supt. is Mr. Wilton McMillion.

The stewards are:

Gerard Simmons

Wm. Hinkle

C. B. Spitzer

The trustees are:

C. B. Spitzer

Gerard Simmons

There is no womans organization in this church.

Information: Mr. & Mrs. D. W. Cutlip